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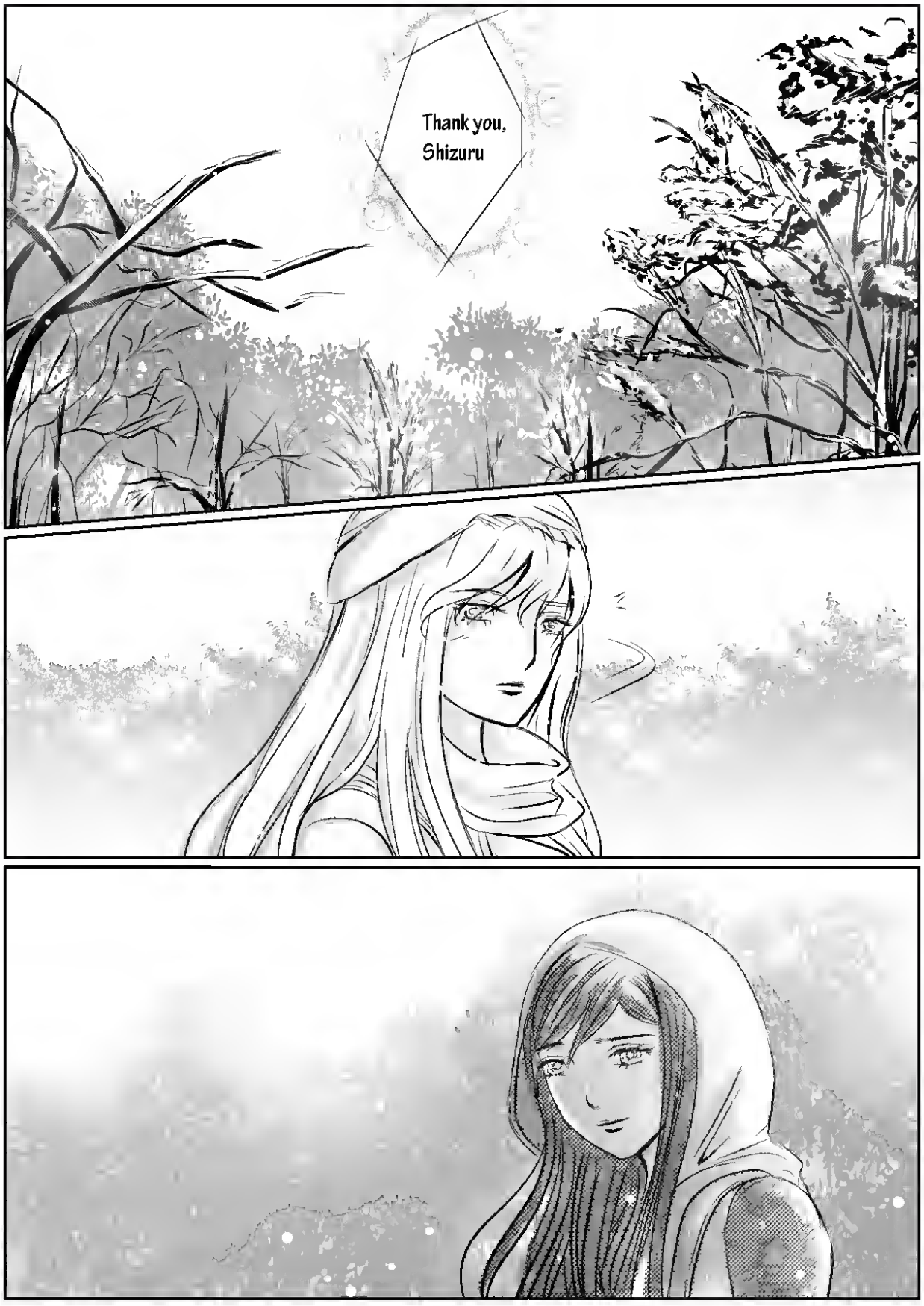
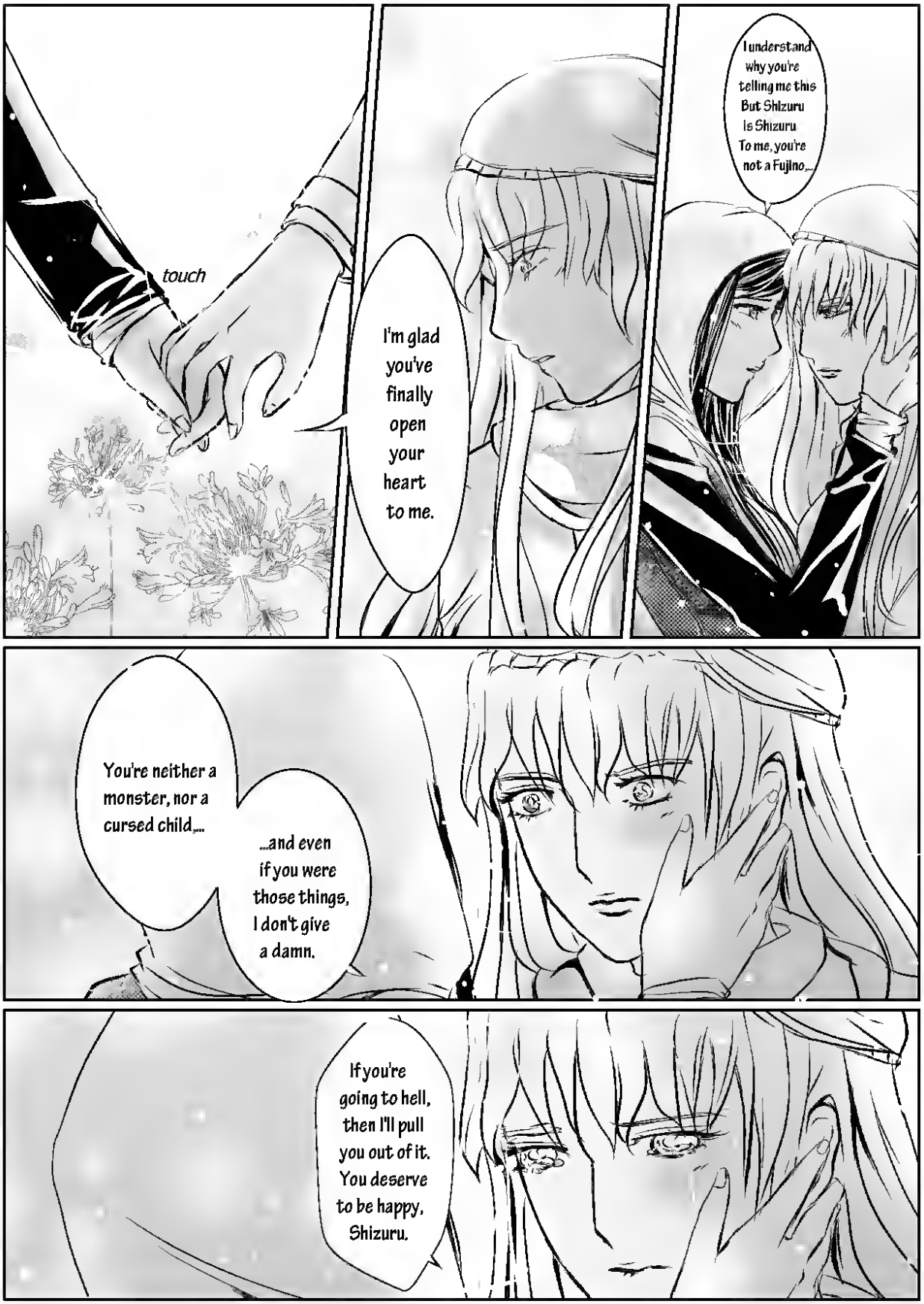
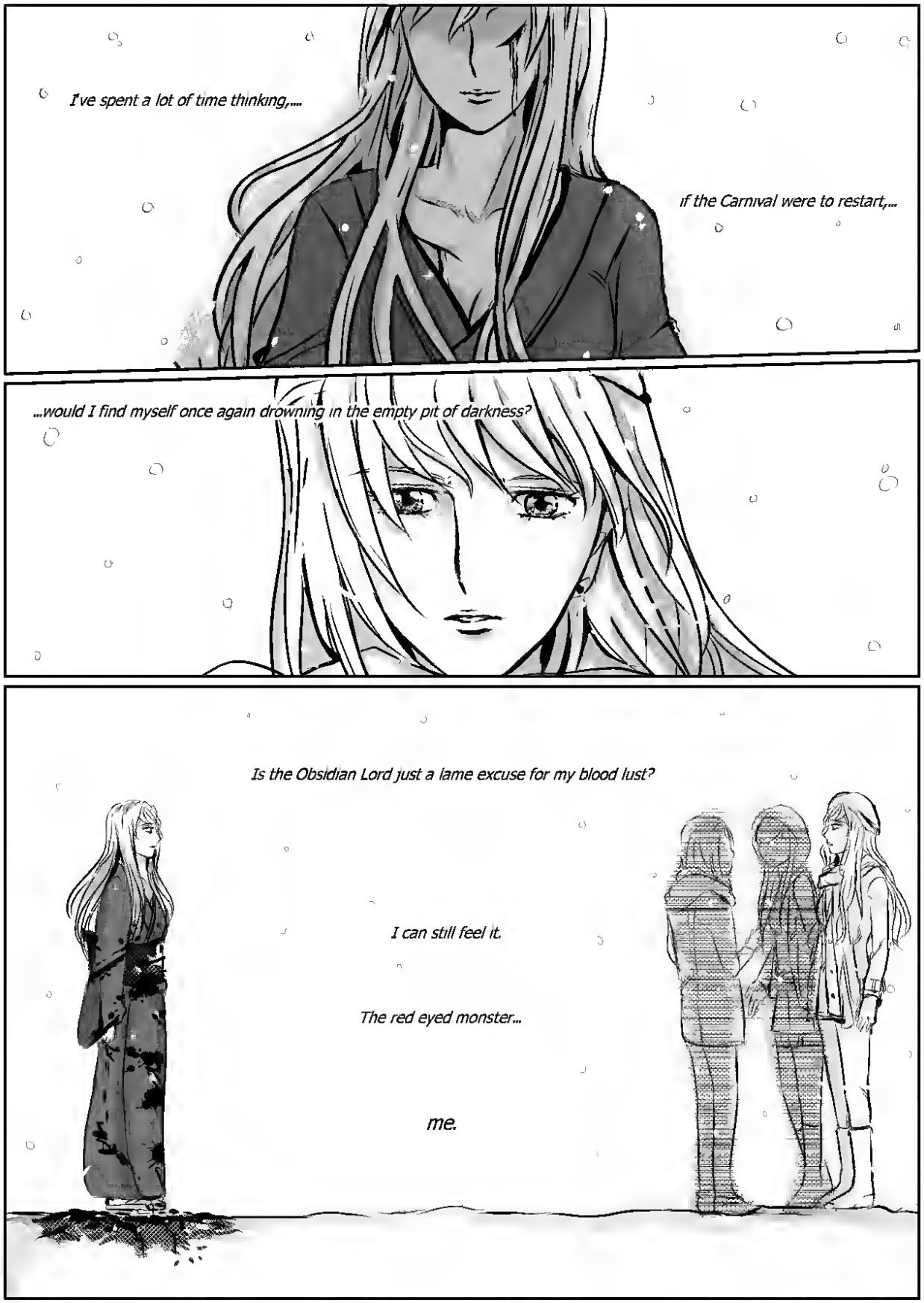
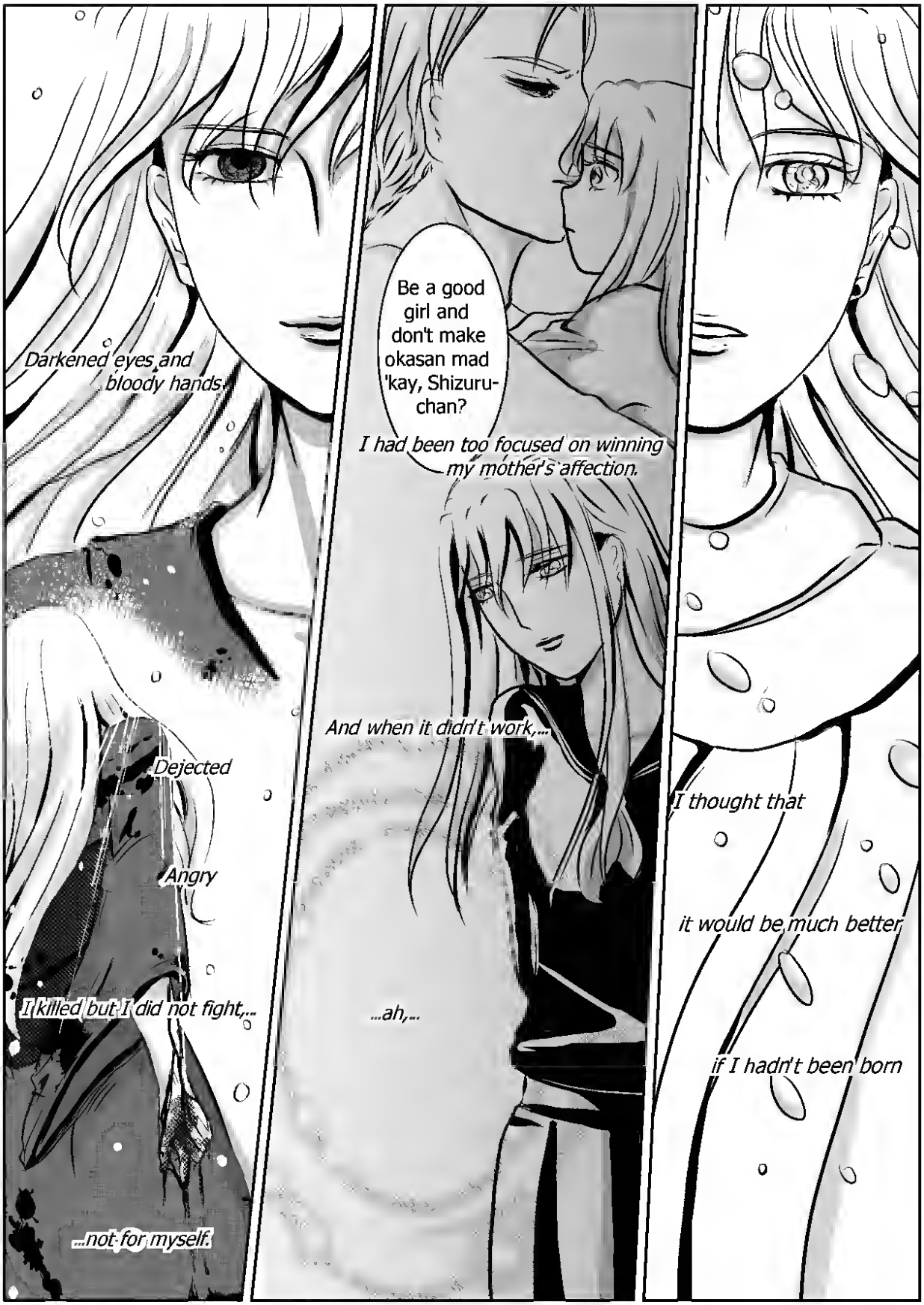

Thank you,
Shizuru


touch
I'm glad you've finally open your heart to me.
I understand why you're telling me this But Shizuru is Shizuru To me, you're not a Fujino.
You're neither a monster, nor a cursed child,...
...and even if you were those things, I don't give a damn.
If you're going to hell, then I'll pull you out of it. You deserve to be happy, Shizuru.

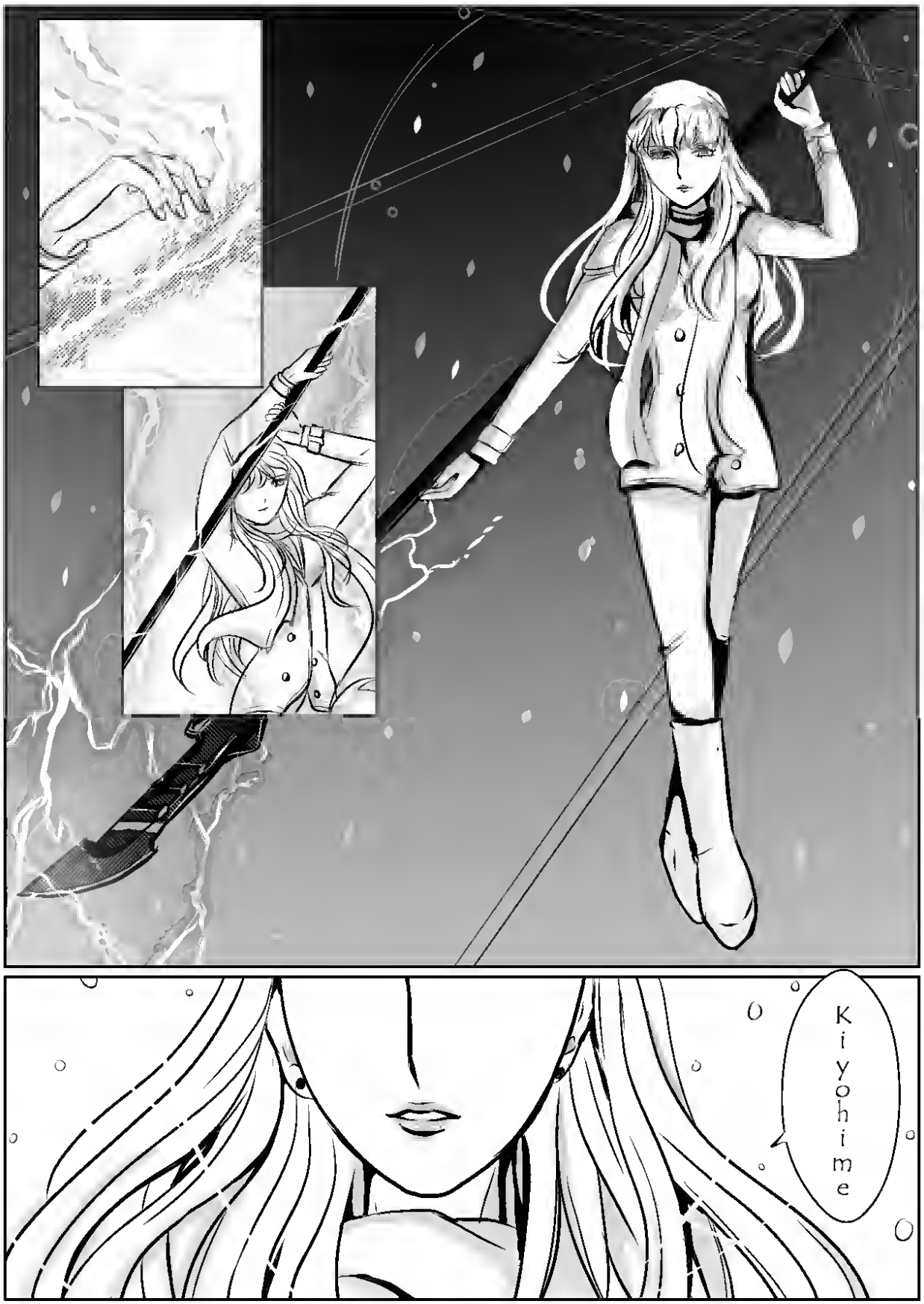
Silly girl, Natsuki.

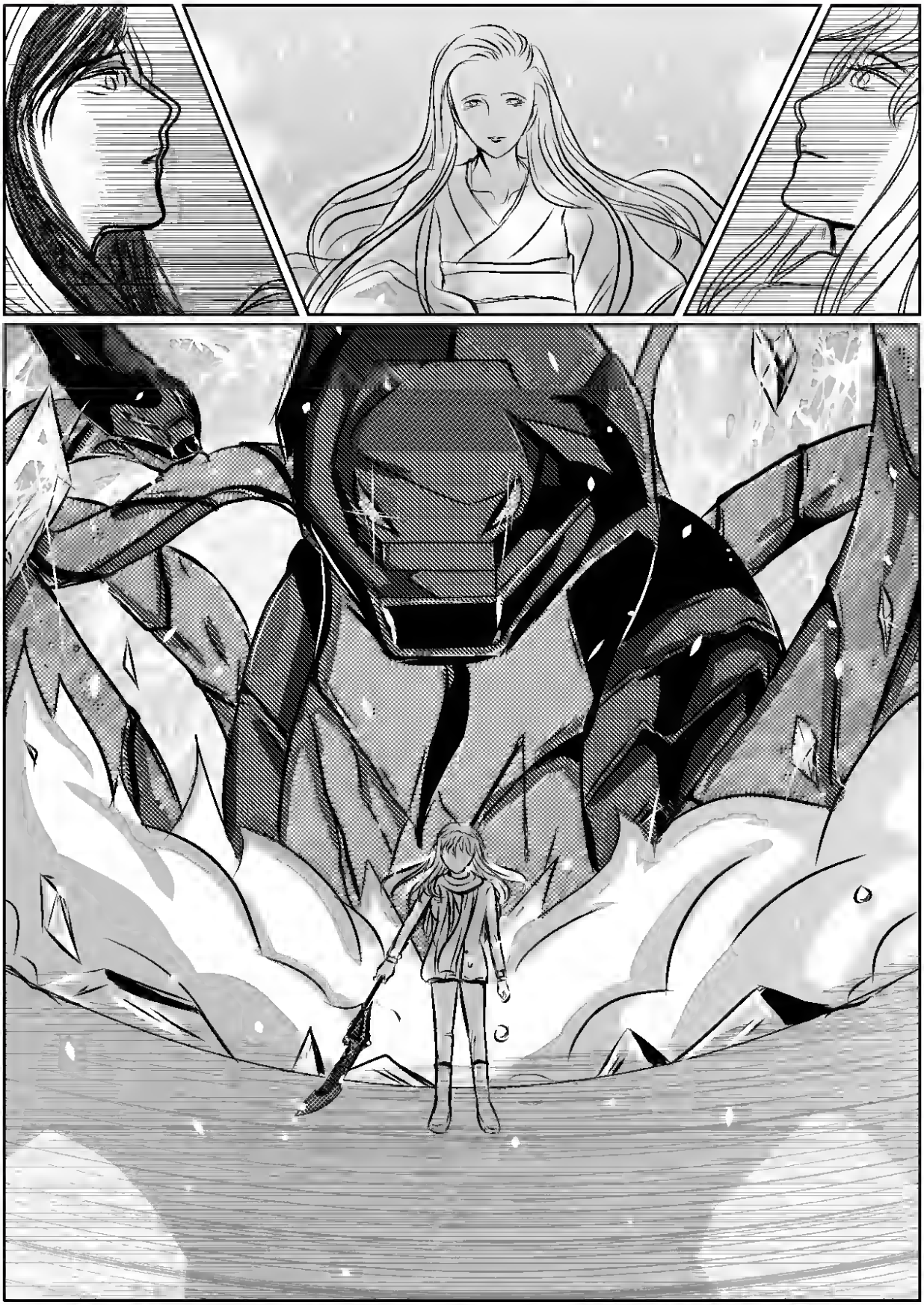
I've booked the nearest flight. We should leave this inn in half an hours.
Mikoto, Reito-san and Tate have found where the Himes are held hostage. What do you think we should do?
Well, Mikoto still have her weapon, so she's the strongest Hime. I can ask Yamada to get me firearms. Mikoto and I will distract the agents so you, Shizuru and others can find the Himes...
But we're largely outnumbered I think...


I've spent a lot of time thinking,...
if the Carnival were to restart,...
...would I find myself once again drowning in the empty pit of darkness?
Is the Obsidian Lord just a lame excuse for my blood lust?
I can still feel it.
The red eyed monster...
me.


Darkened eyes and bloody hands.
Dejected
Angry
I killed but I did not fight,..
...not for myself.
Be a good girl and don't make okasan mad 'kay, Shizuru-chan?
I had been too focused on winning my mother's affection.
And when it didn't work,...
...ah,..
I thought that
it would be much better
if I hadn't been born

Ah...
Natsuki was right
I am such a fool
Ehh?!
Let's go back inside
NATSUKI?
SHIZU-


Kiyohime

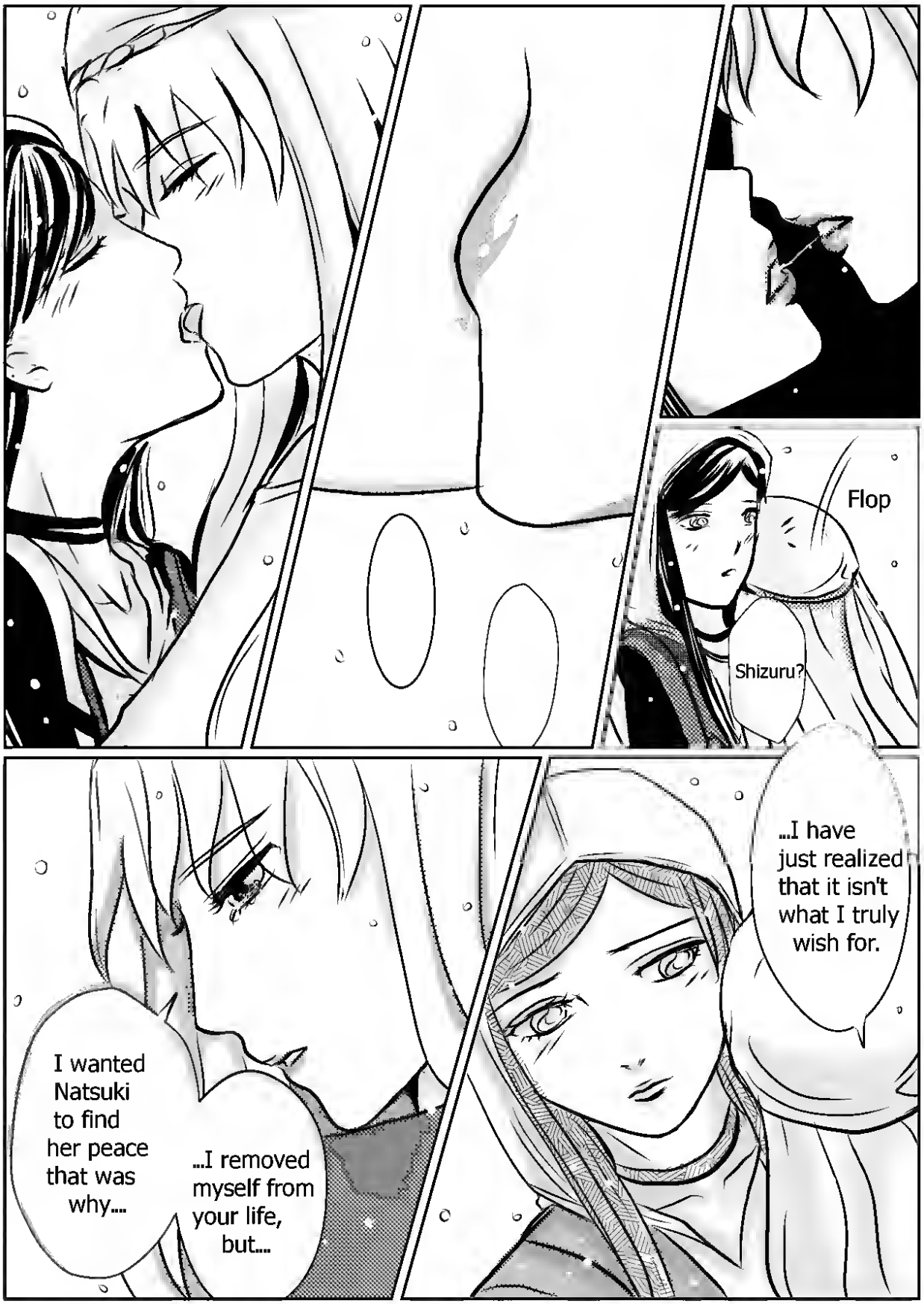


Thank you, Kiyohime
SHIZURU!
How did you get your power back?
Kagut-suchi!! Kagut-suchi!!
Well, I...
KAGUT-SUCHIII IIIIIIII !!!!!
Because....
*smirk

MERCY

Final Chapter

...of you, my dear Natsuki.
O-oi, Mai's watching
No, she is not.
See?
I'm afraid... so very afraid... Kagut-suchi please save me.
Aah, right.
Well?
twitch twitch
Umm...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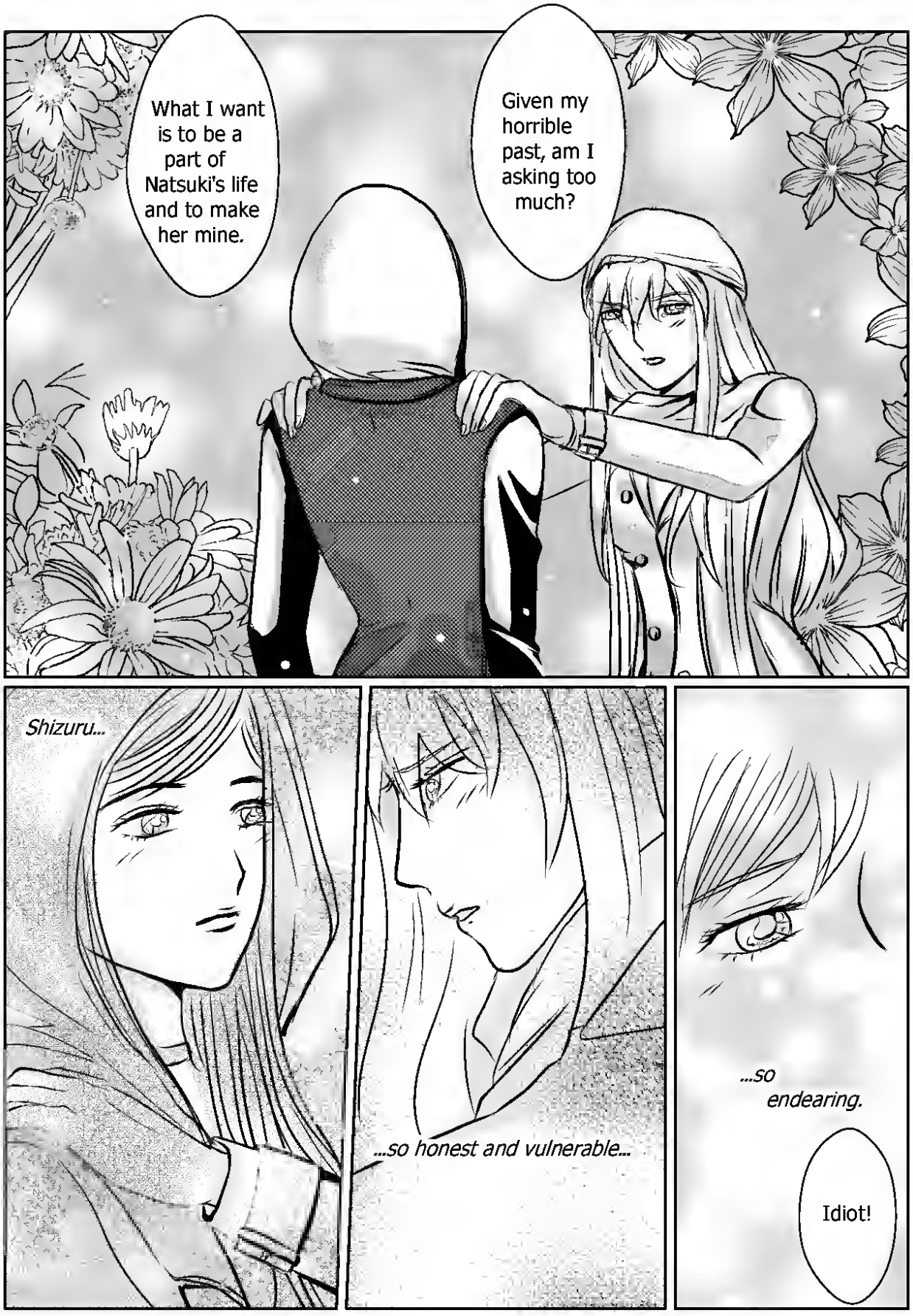
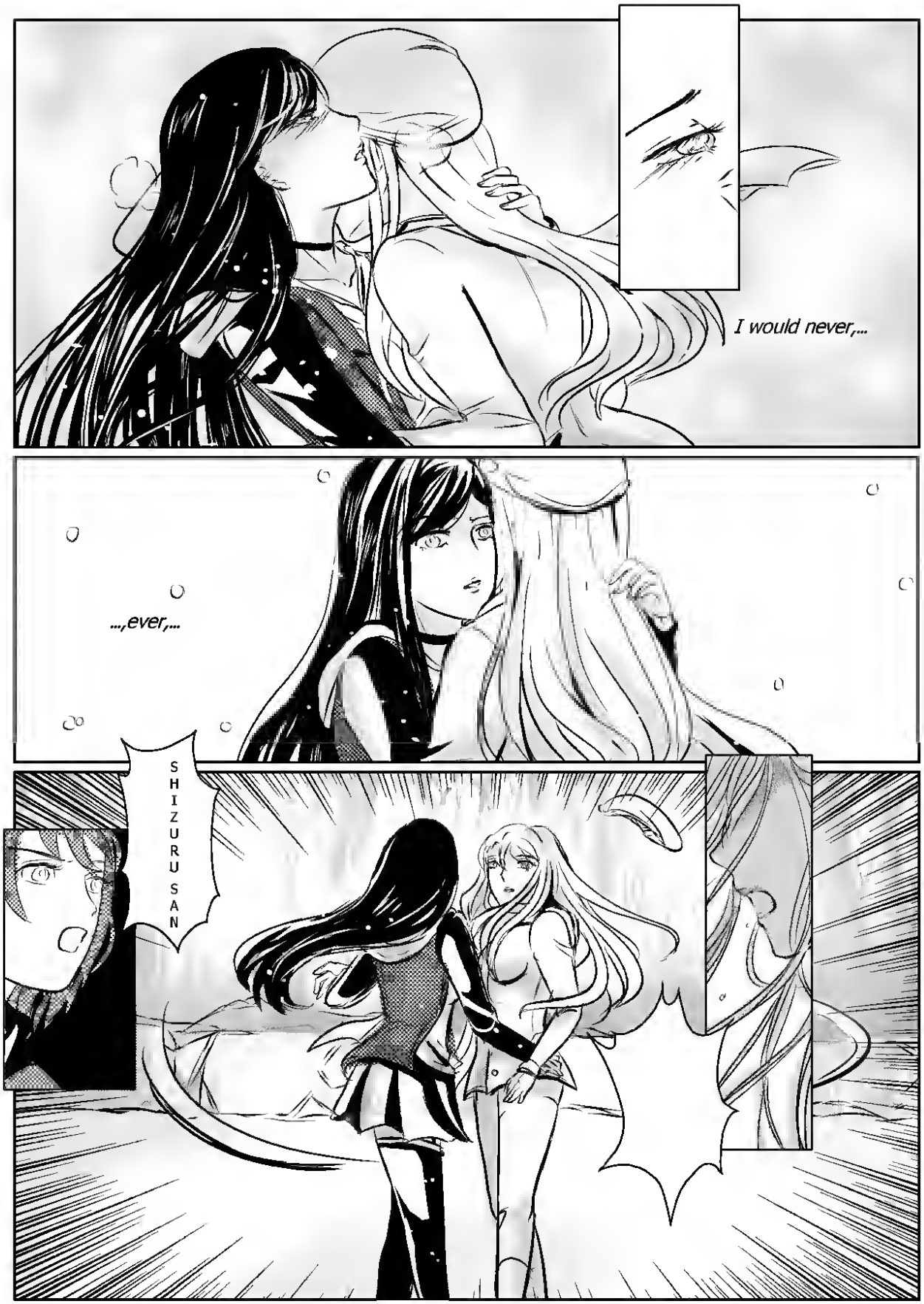
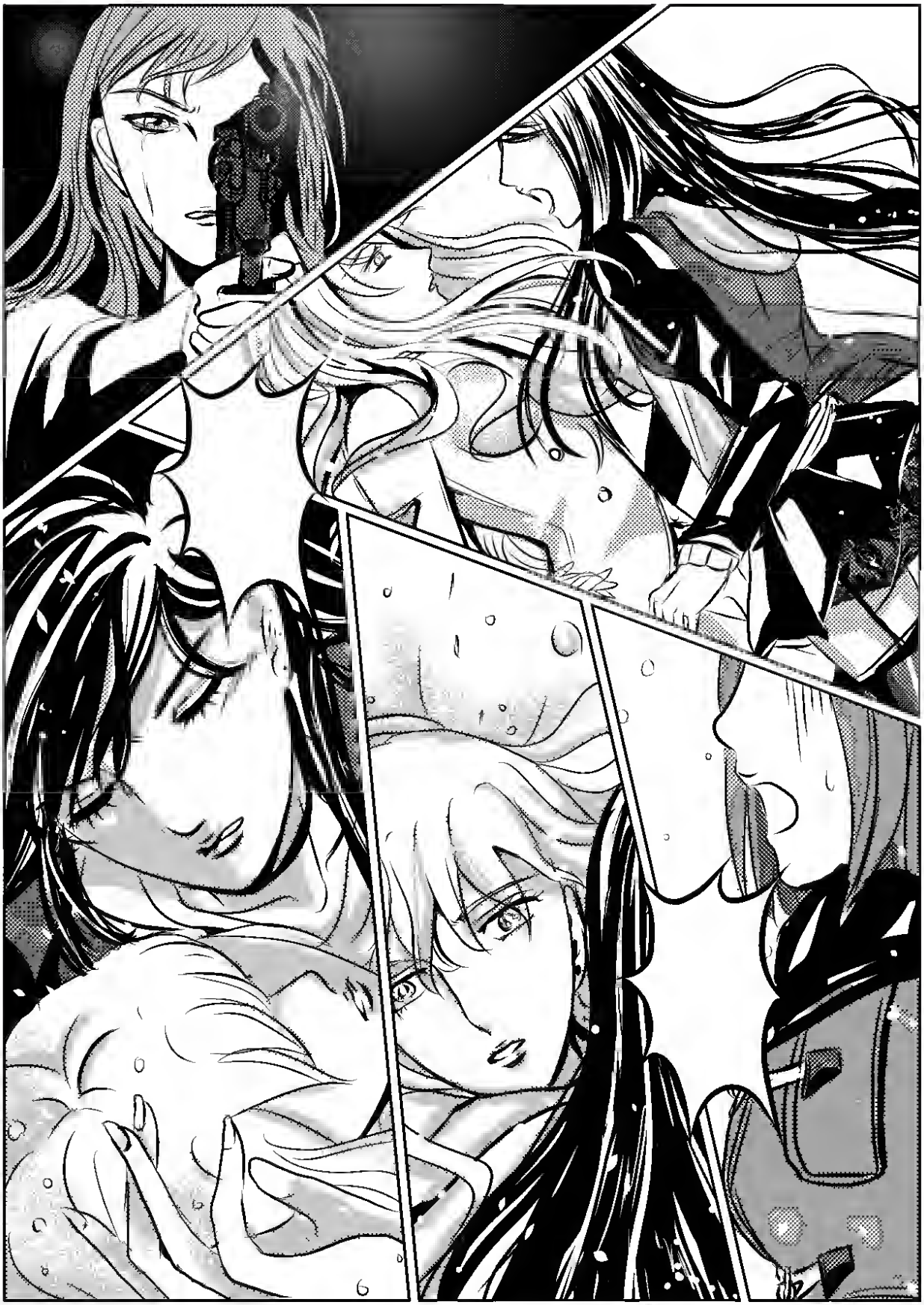
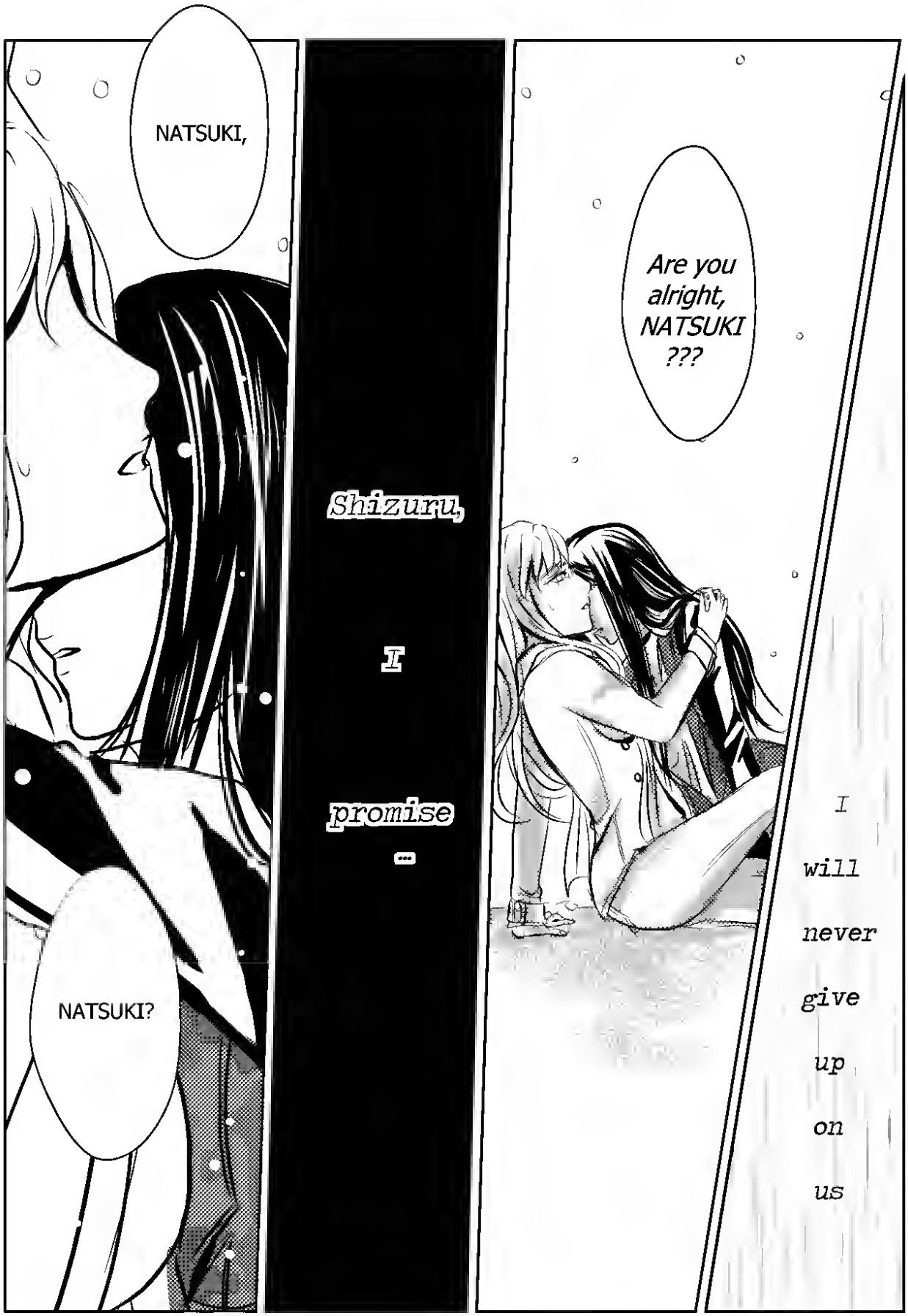
Shizuru?
...I have just realized that it isn't what I truly wish for.
...I removed myself from your life, but....
I wanted Natsuki to find her peace that was why....


What I want is to be a part of Natsuki's life and to make her mine.
Given my horrible past, am I asking too much?
Shizuru...
...so honest and vulnerable...
...so endearing.
Idiot!

Of course NOT!
Although, –
it really takes you way too long to realize that.
Way, way too long, my Natsuki.
Idiots.
We both are
This incredible feeling...
We wasted too much time to find it.
But I can see it now, my future,...
...no, our future...
...will be filled with happiness.
Shizuru I promise you,...


I would never,...
...,ever,...
SHIZURU SAN




NATSUKI,
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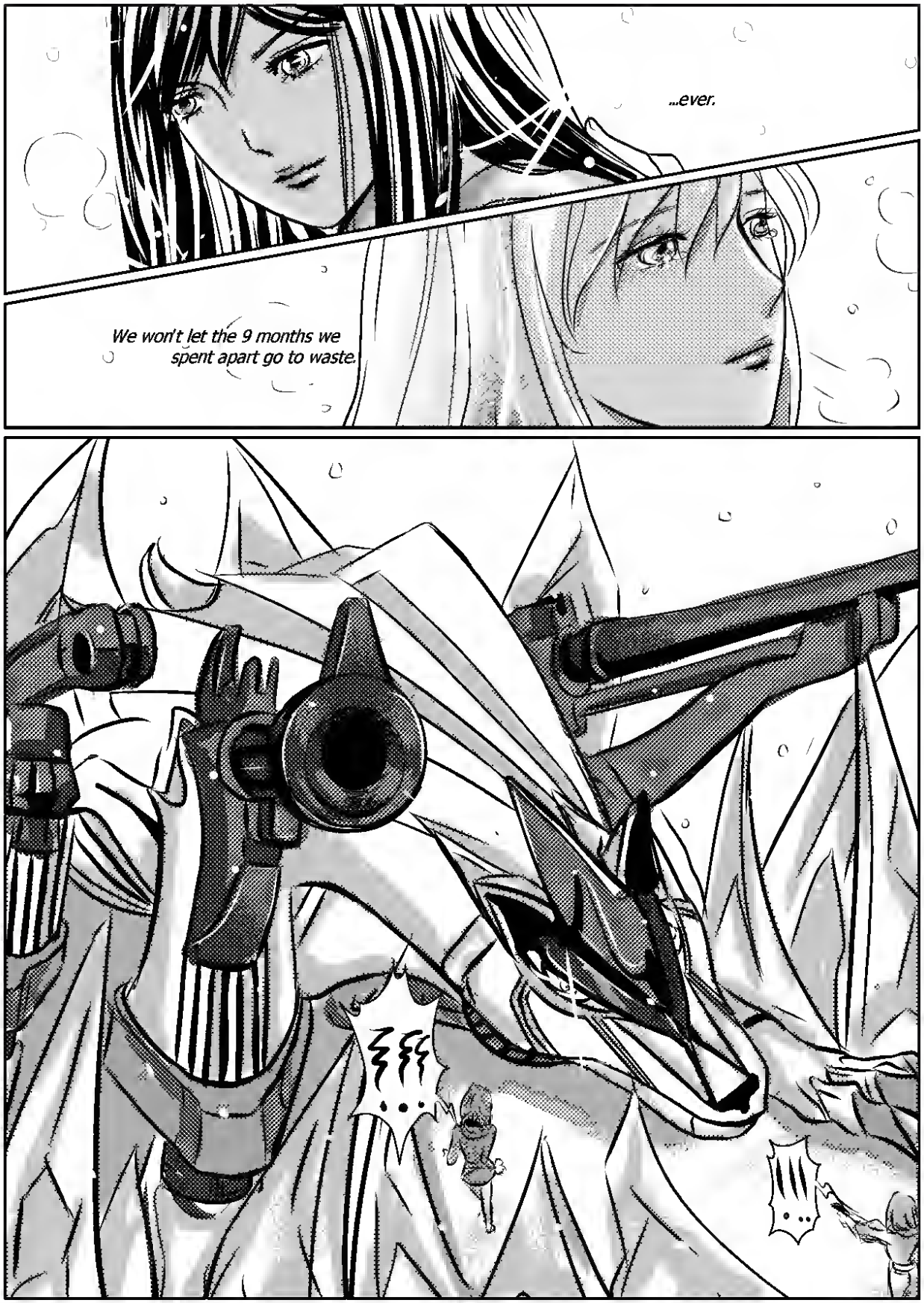
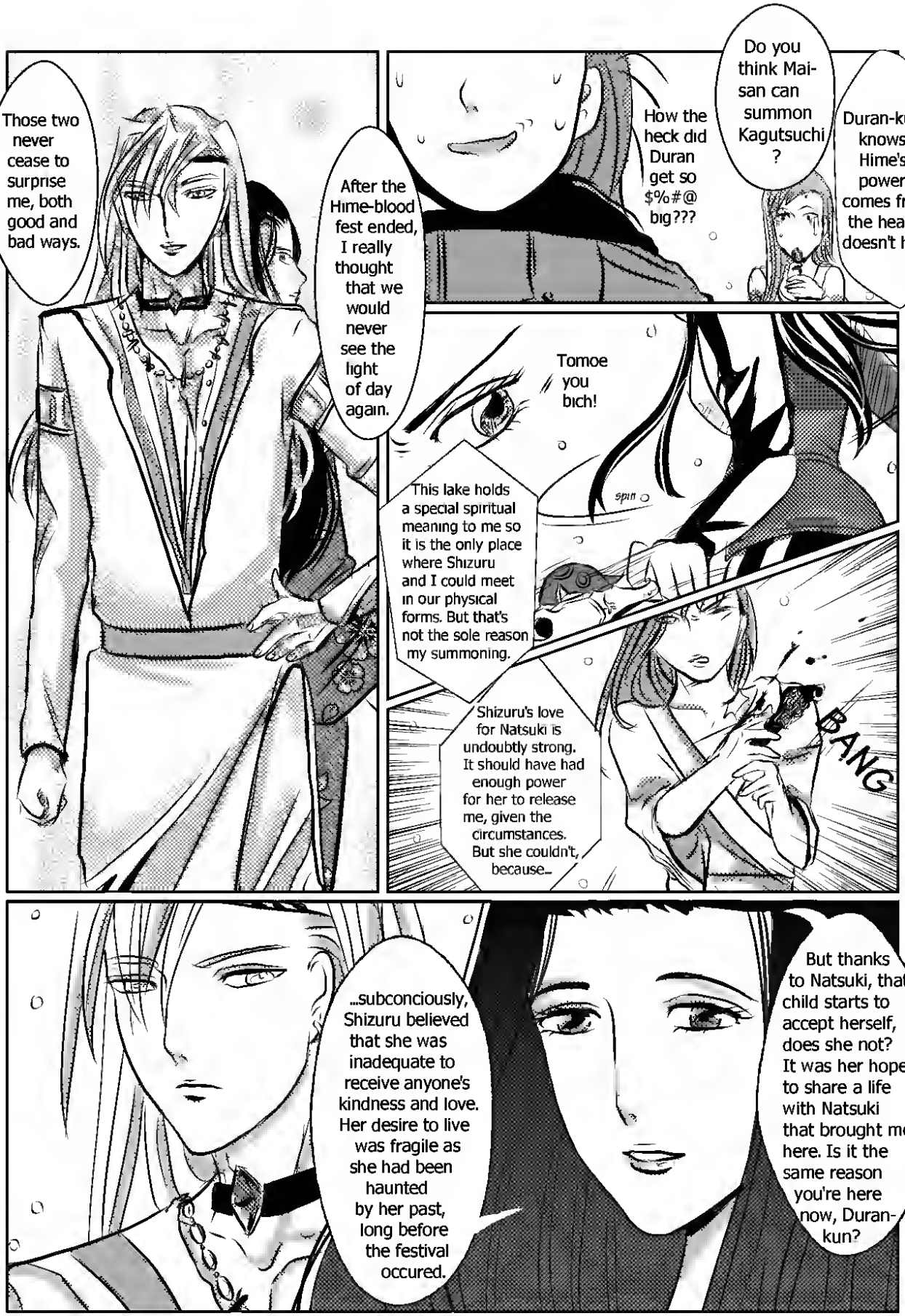
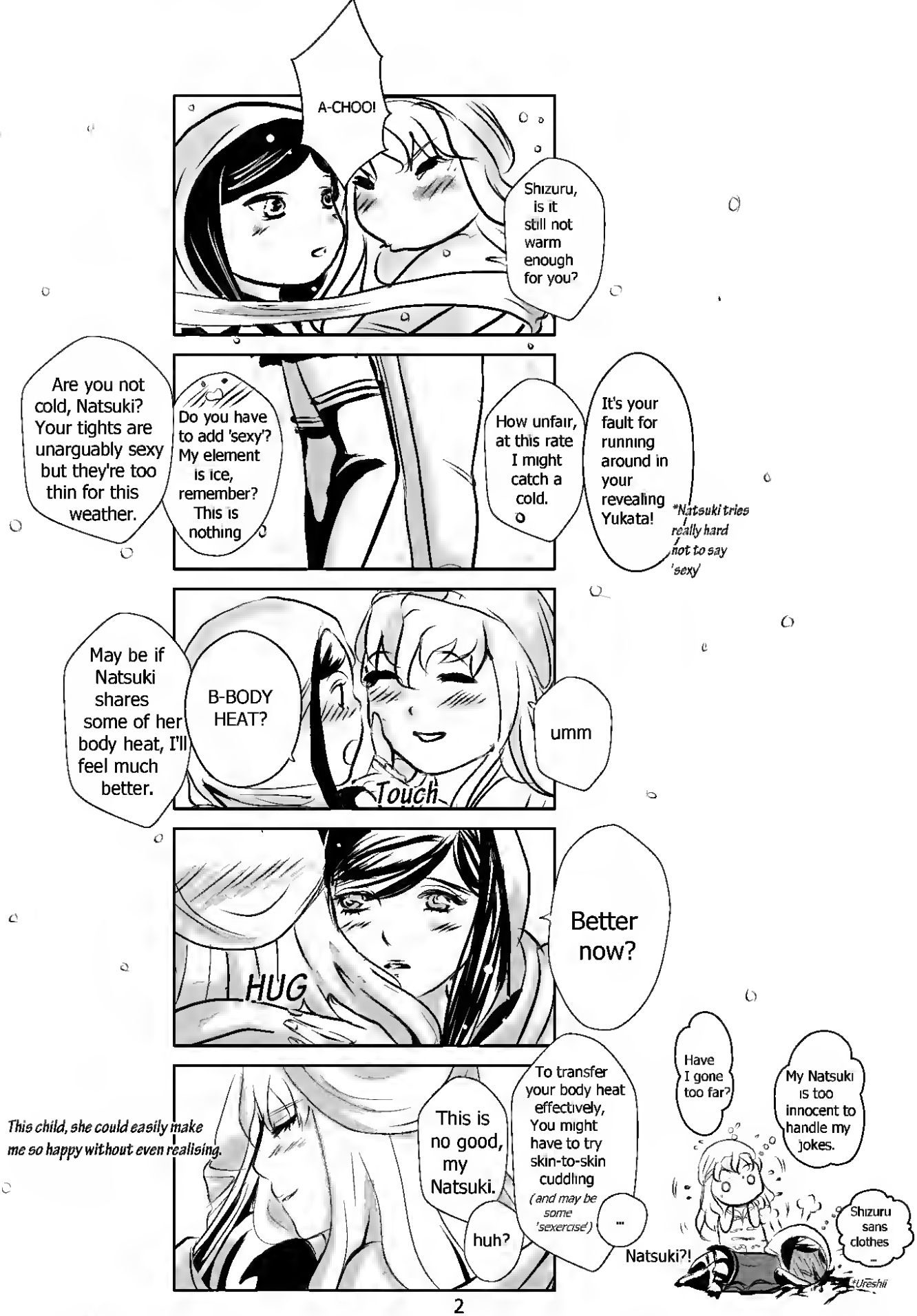
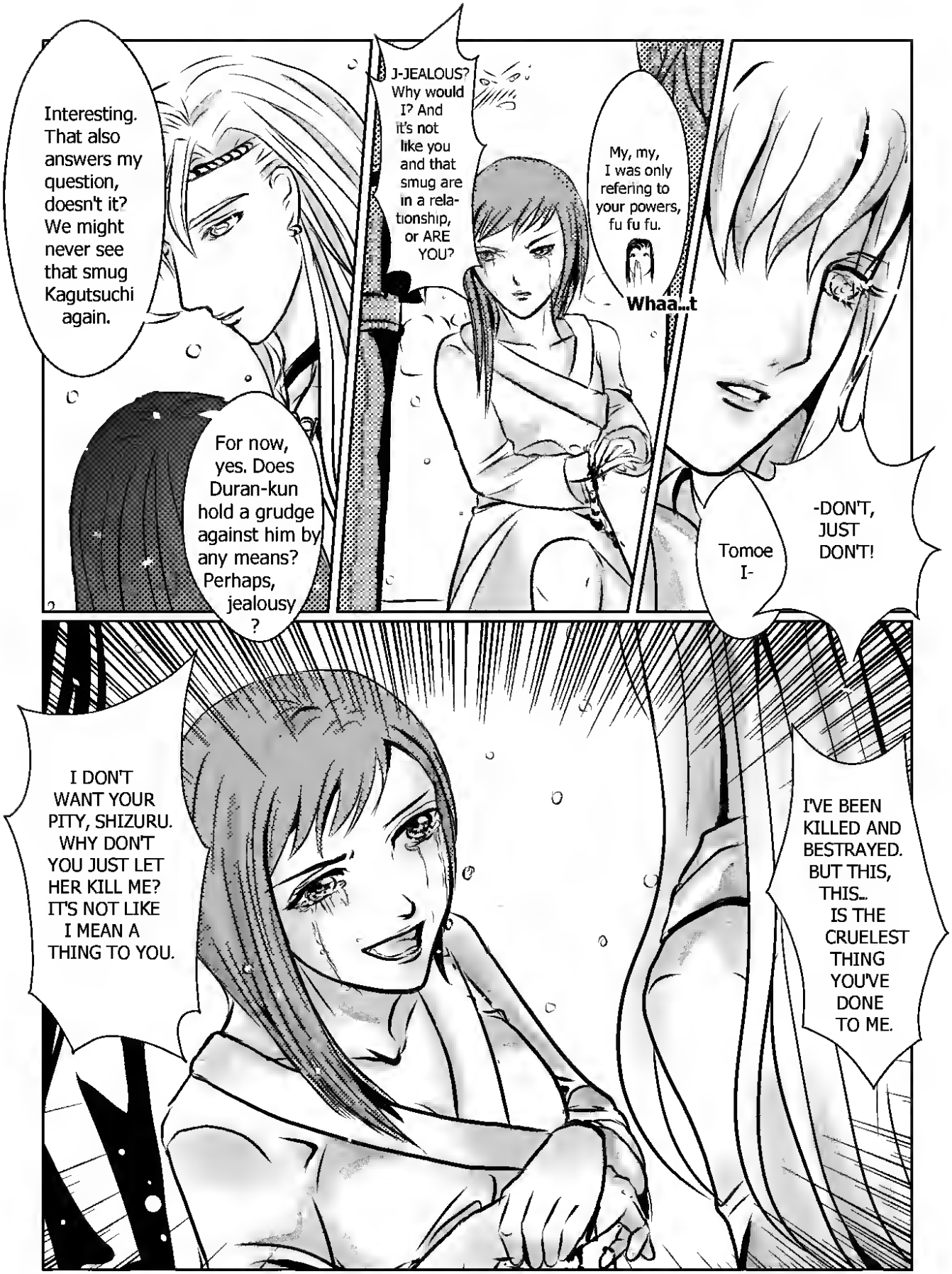
Shizuru,
I
promise
...
Are you alright, NATSUKI ???
I will never give up on us

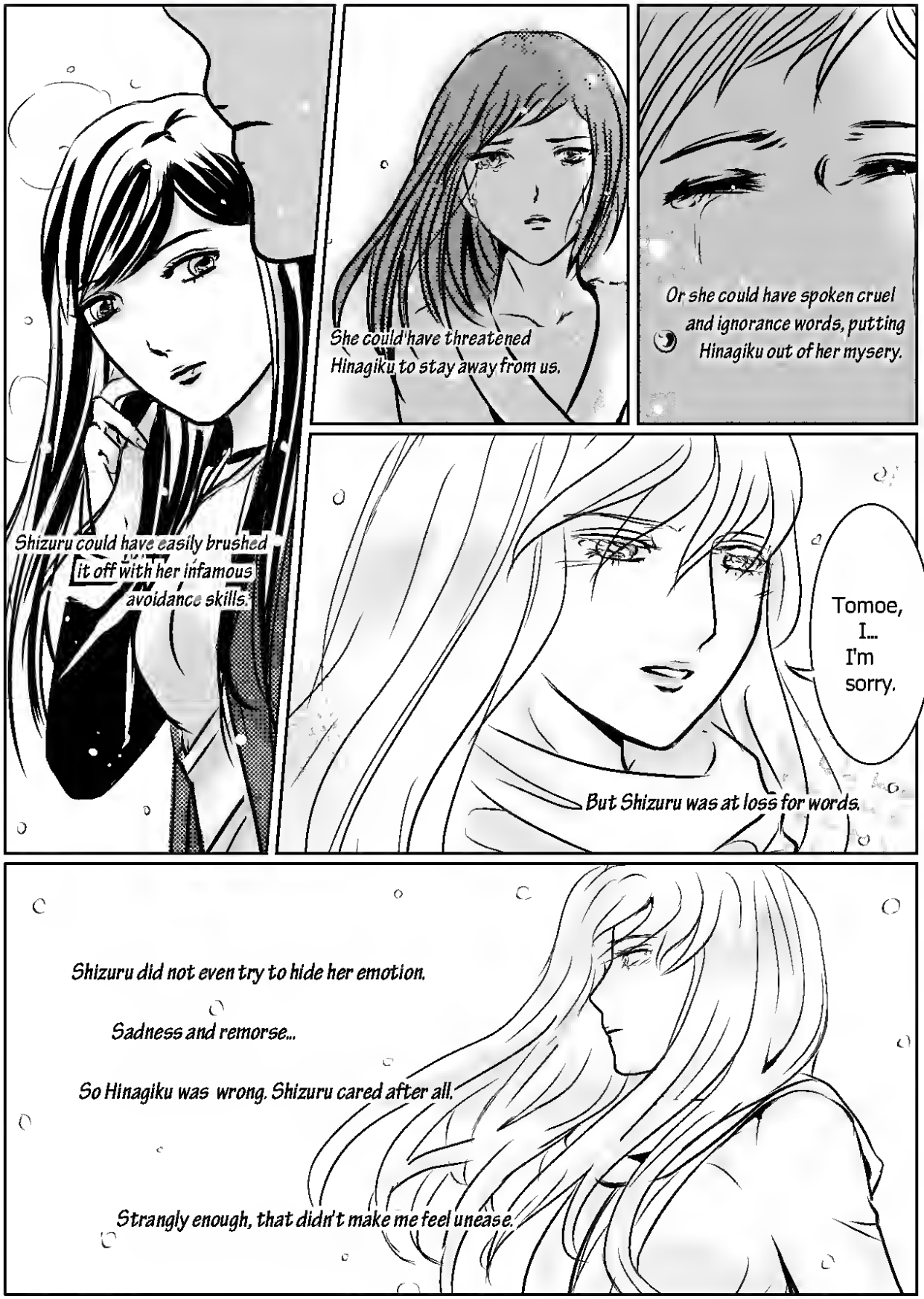

...ever.
We won't let the 9 months we spent apart go to waste.


Those two never cease to surprise me, both good and bad ways.
After the Hime-blood fest ended, I really thought that we would never see the light of day again.
How the heck did Duran get so $%#@ big???
Do you think Mai-san can summon Kagutsuchi?
Duran-kun knows Hime's power comes from the heart, doesn't he?
Tomoe you bich!
spin
This lake holds a special spiritual meaning to me so it is the only place where Shizuru and I could meet in our physical forms. But that's not the sole reason my summoning.
Shizuru's love for Natsuki is undoubtly strong. It should have had enough power for her to release me, given the circumstances. But she couldn't, because...
BANG
...subconciously, Shizuru believed that she was inadequate to receive anyone's kindness and love. Her desire to live was fragile as she had been haunted by her past, long before the festival occured.
But thanks to Natsuki, that child starts to accept herself, does she not? It was her hope to share a life with Natsuki that brought me here. Is it the same reason you're here now, Duran-kun?

DURAN-KUN
?
huh?
I thought that I was woken up by your loud and angry voice.
Blunt
Dense
Loud? No, I was admiring your ability to sleep through everything, Duran-kun.
Thank you.
sight You have totally missed my point.
I used my power to help Natsuki summoning Duran-kun, yes. But my power alone is not strong enough to unseal your physical body.
There is no doubt that Natsuki also loves Shizuru more than life itself. But as she was shielding Shizuru from the bullets, ...
...Natuski realized it was not Shizuru but their future she needed to protect. So that is why you're here, Duran-kun.
It makes sense. But their love has affected us, hasn't it?
Yes, Duran-kun. Thanks to them, our powers are connected. The uncertain future lying ahead is somewhat scary yet exciting.


A-CHOO!
Shizuru, is it still not warm enough for you?
Are you not cold, Natsuki? Your tights are unarguably sexy but they're too thin for this weather.
Do you have to add 'sexy'? My element is ice, remember? This is nothing
How unfair, at this rate I might catch a cold.
It's your fault for running around in your revealing Yukata!
*Natsuki tries really hard not to say 'sexy'
May be if Natsuki shares some of her body heat, I'll feel much better.
B-BODY HEAT?
umm
Touch
HUG
Better now?
This child, she could easily make me so happy without even realising.
This is no good, my Natsuki.
huh?
To transfer your body heat effectively, You might have to try skin-to-skin cuddling (and may be some 'sexercise')
...
Have I gone too far?
My Natsuki is too innocent to handle my jokes.
Natsuki?!
Shizuru sans clothes
-Ureshii

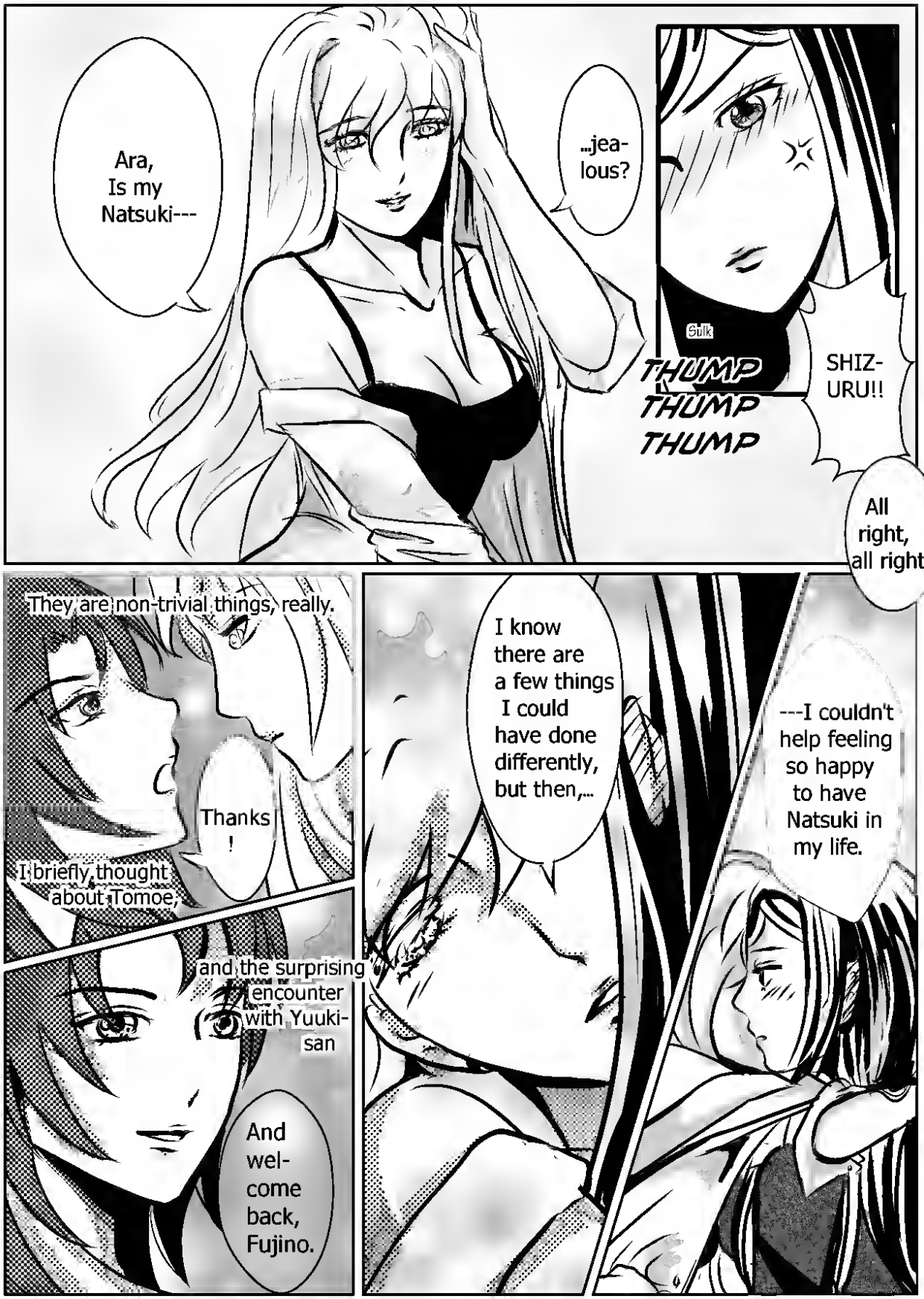

Interesting. That also answers my question, doesn't it? We might never see that smug Kagutsuchi again.
For now, yes. Does Duran-kun hold a grudge against him by any means? Perhaps, jealousy ?
J-JEALOUS? Why would I? And it's not like you and that smug are in a relationship, or ARE YOU?
My, my, I was only refering to your powers, fu fu fu.
Whaa...t
Tomoe I-
-DON'T, JUST DON'T!
I DON'T WANT YOUR PITY, SHIZURU. WHY DON'T YOU JUST LET HER KILL ME? IT'S NOT LIKE I MEAN A THING TO YOU.
I'VE BEEN KILLED AND BESTRAYED. BUT THIS, THIS... IS THE CRUELEST THING YOU'VE DONE TO ME.


Shizuru could have easily brushed it off with her infamous avoidance skills.
She could have threatened Hinagiku to stay away from us.
Or she could have spoken cruel and ignorance words, putting Hinagiku out of her mysery.
Tomoe, I... I'm sorry.
But Shizuru was at loss for words.
Shizuru did not even try to hide her emotion.
Sadness and remorse...
So Hinagiku was wrong. Shizuru cared after all.
Strangly enough, that didn't make me feel unease.

toss
What's on your mind, Shizuru?
Nothing much. I'm just a little tired.
The fight with the District this evening must have worn you out, right?
Umm...

You got them on their knees the moment you called Kiyohime, Shizuru!
For- forgive us!!
Pl- please
LIAR!
It wasn't that much of a fight
I'm thinking about Natsuki
Liar!
Ikezu, I am really thinking about my Natsuki.
Stop it Shiz- uru!
Or was it-KYA- AH!
GROPE GROPE
Is the Tomoe incident this morning still bothering you?

Ikezu = meanie


Ara, Is my Natsuki---
...jealous?
Silk
THUMP THUMP THUMP
SHIZURU!!
All right, all right.
---I couldn't help feeling so happy to have Natsuki in my life.
I know there are a few things I could have done differently, but then,...
They are non-trivial things, really.
Thanks!
I briefly thought about Tomoe,
and the surprising encounter with Yuuki-san
And welcome back, Fujino.

So happy....
I love you very much, my Natsuki.
Let's move forward together.
Yes, let's do that, Shizuru.

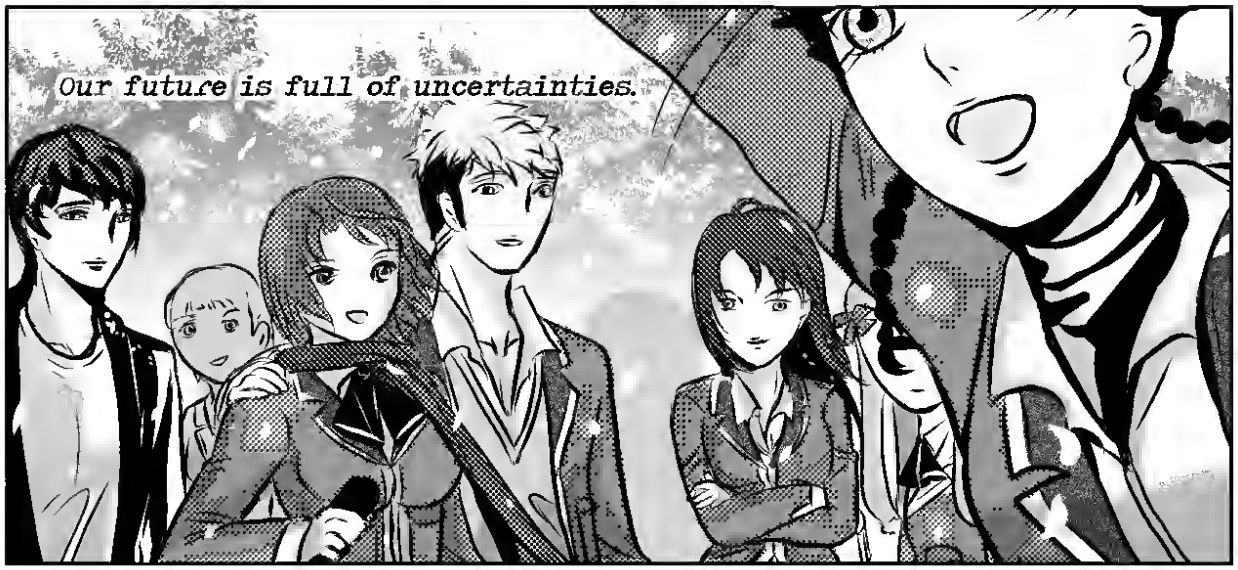
Natsuki! Where are you
Last spring was the darkest season of my life.
Desperation and despair
We were lost.
NAT-SUKI !!!
But this spring,...
That was my graduation gift for Natsuki.

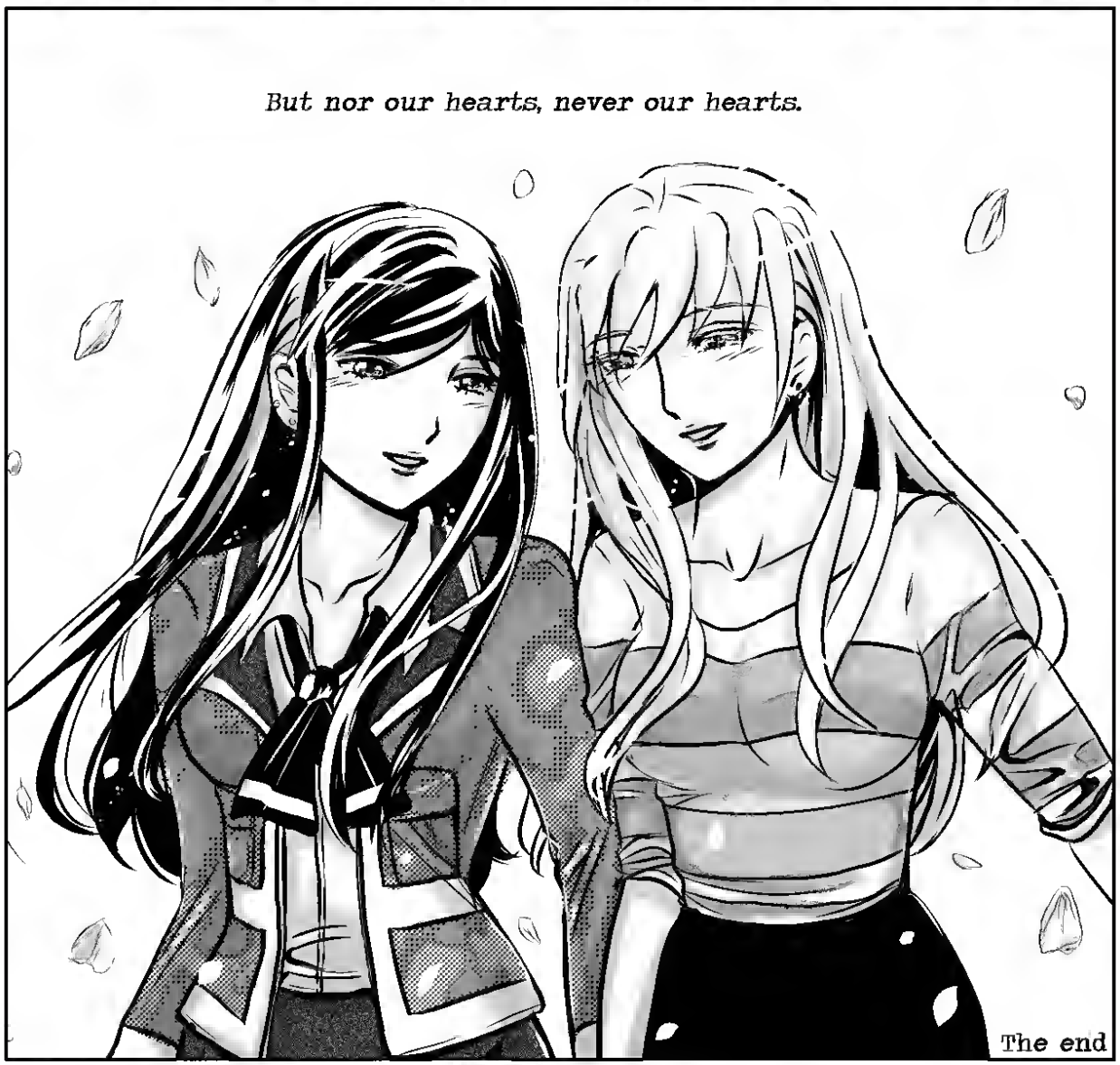
This spring...
This... This is...
I've made Natsuki a spare key so she does not need to pick my lock whenever she visits me anymore.
SHIZURU!
I-It's not even funny, Shizuru!
I'm sorry Natsuki, I'm just a little nervous.
Nervous? About what?
About asking Natsuki to move in with me, of course.
...is our new beginning.

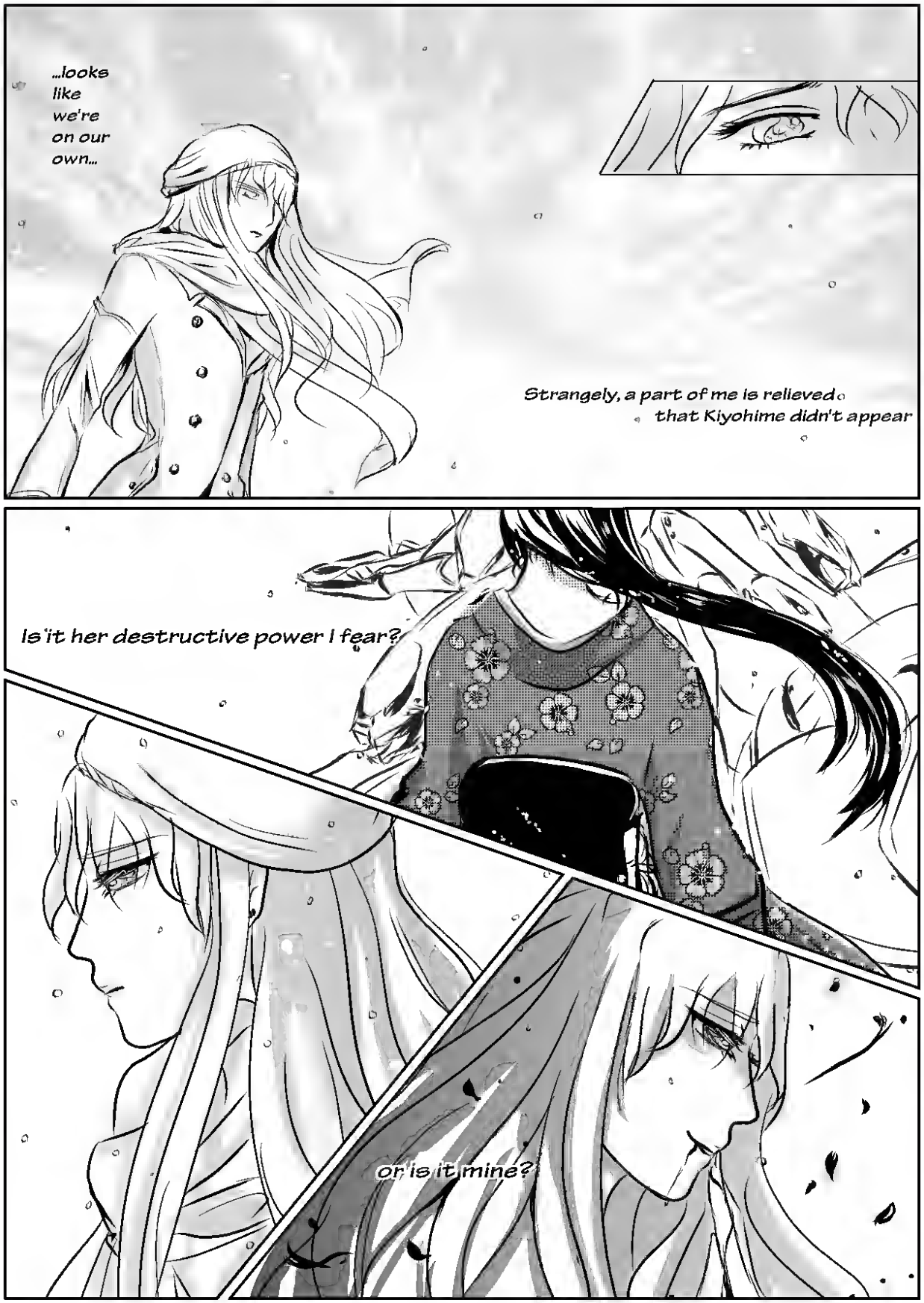
Will you?
Silly Shizuru...
Yes!
Of course.

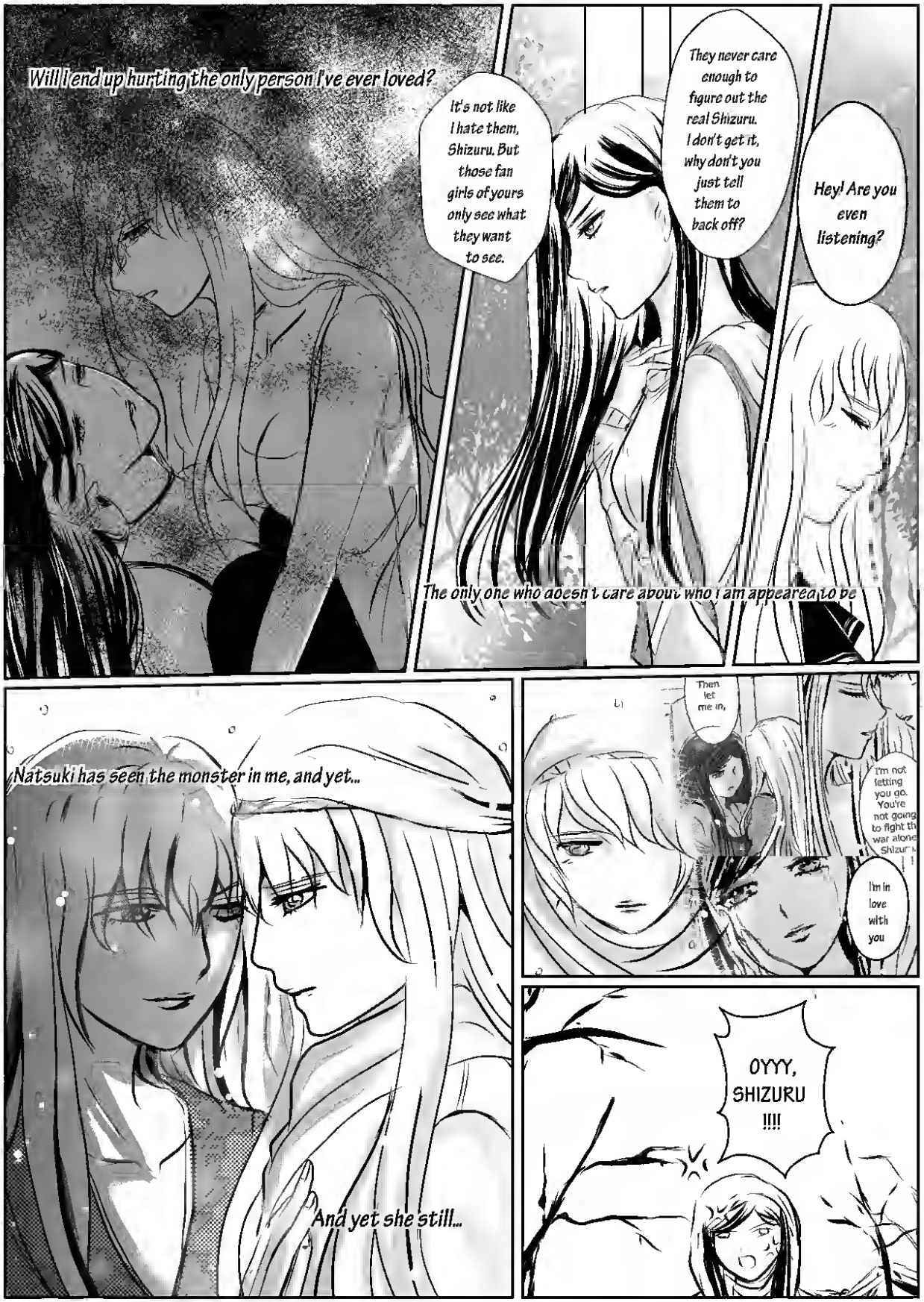
The return of our powers may or may not open yet another pandora box.
The crimson scar of the Festival, though now no longer a stingling fresh wound, will never be healed completely.
It leaves a faded mark, which constantly reminds us about our mistakes.
But it also reminds us how lucky we are, despite the ugly aftermath, to finally be together.

Why!
Kiyohime
Pant
Pant
So this is it. No matter how many times I try...
Kiyohime will never hear my plead
I told Natsuki we would get through this
But...

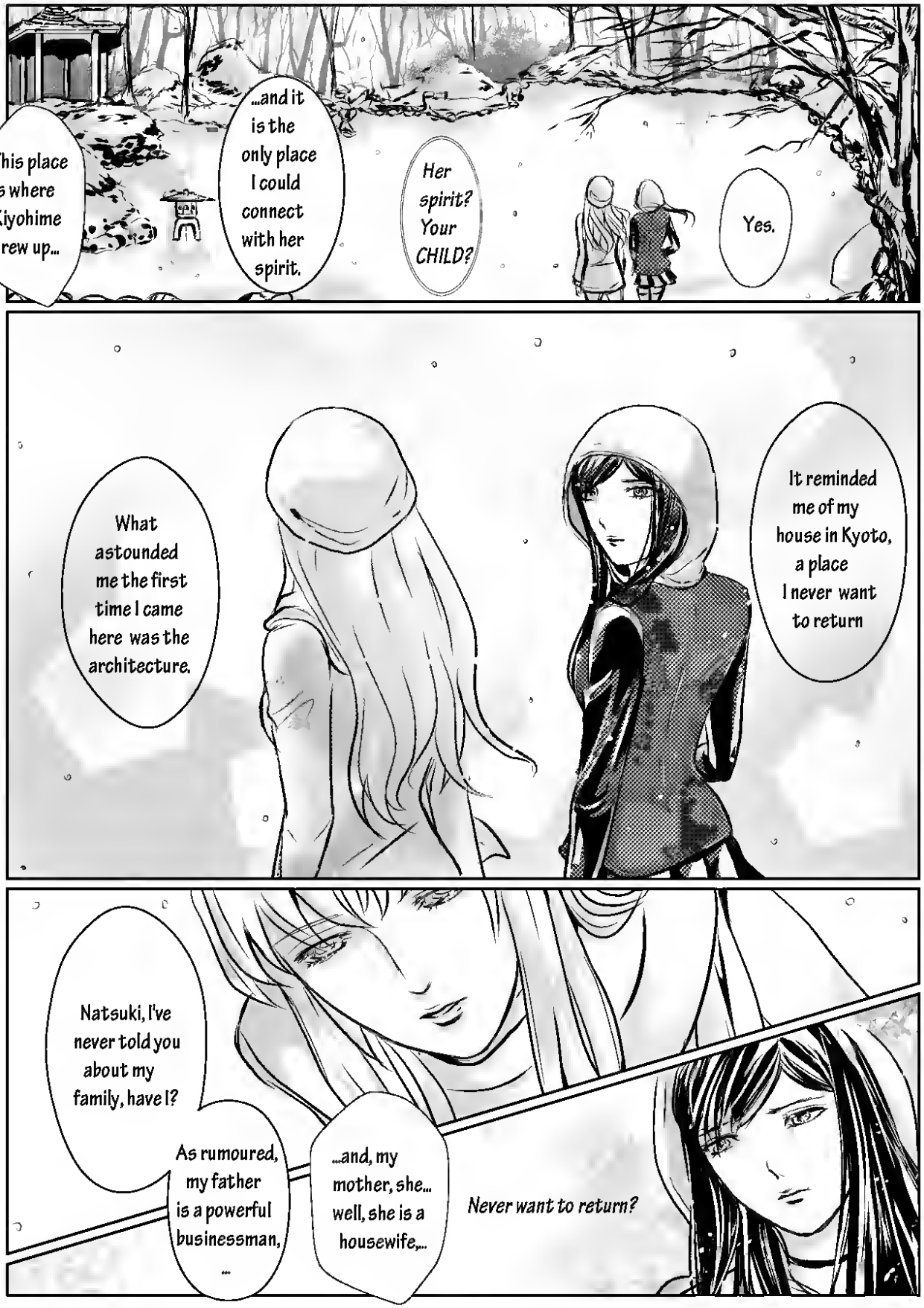

Our future is full of uncertainties.

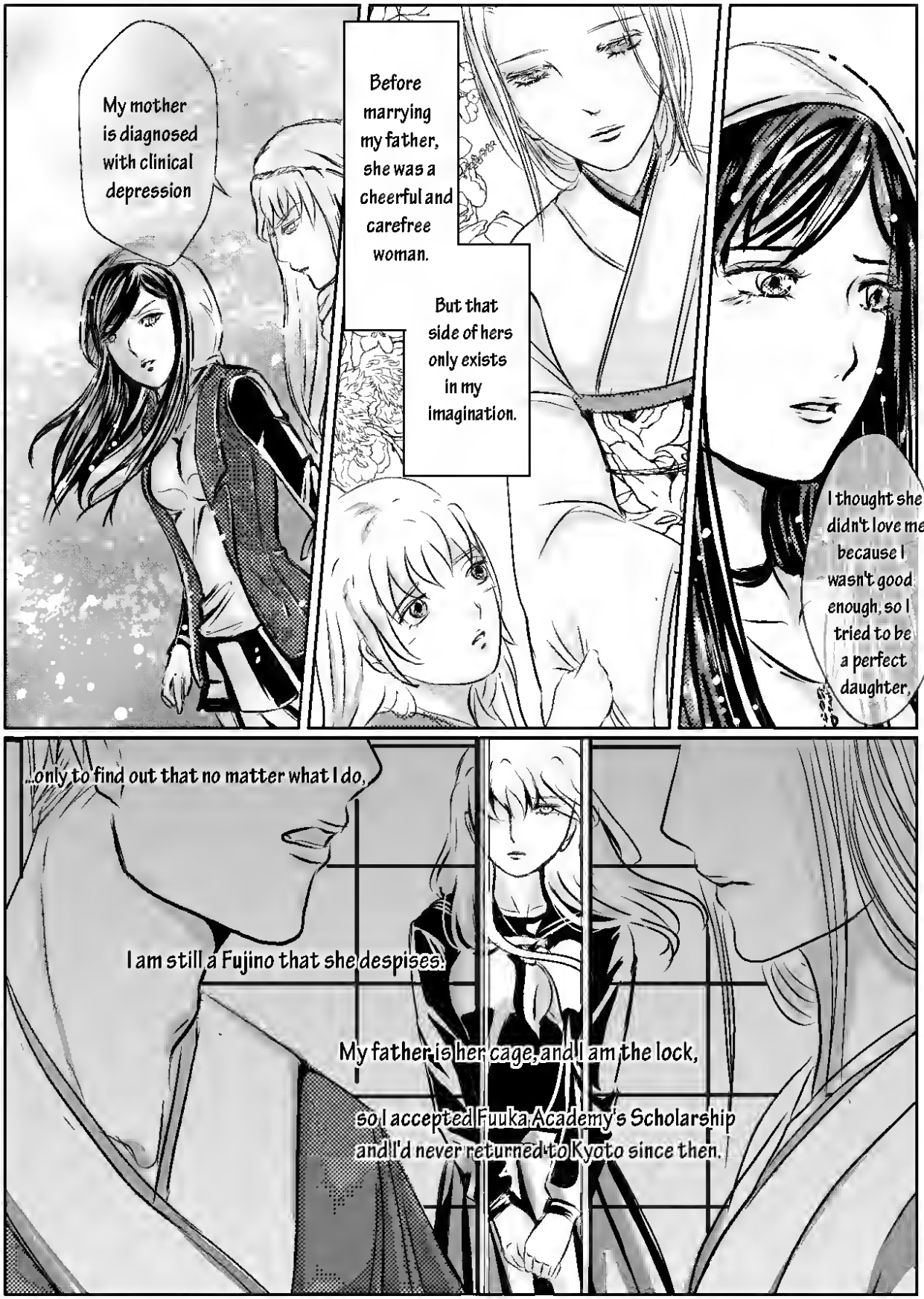

But nor our hearts, never our hearts.
The end

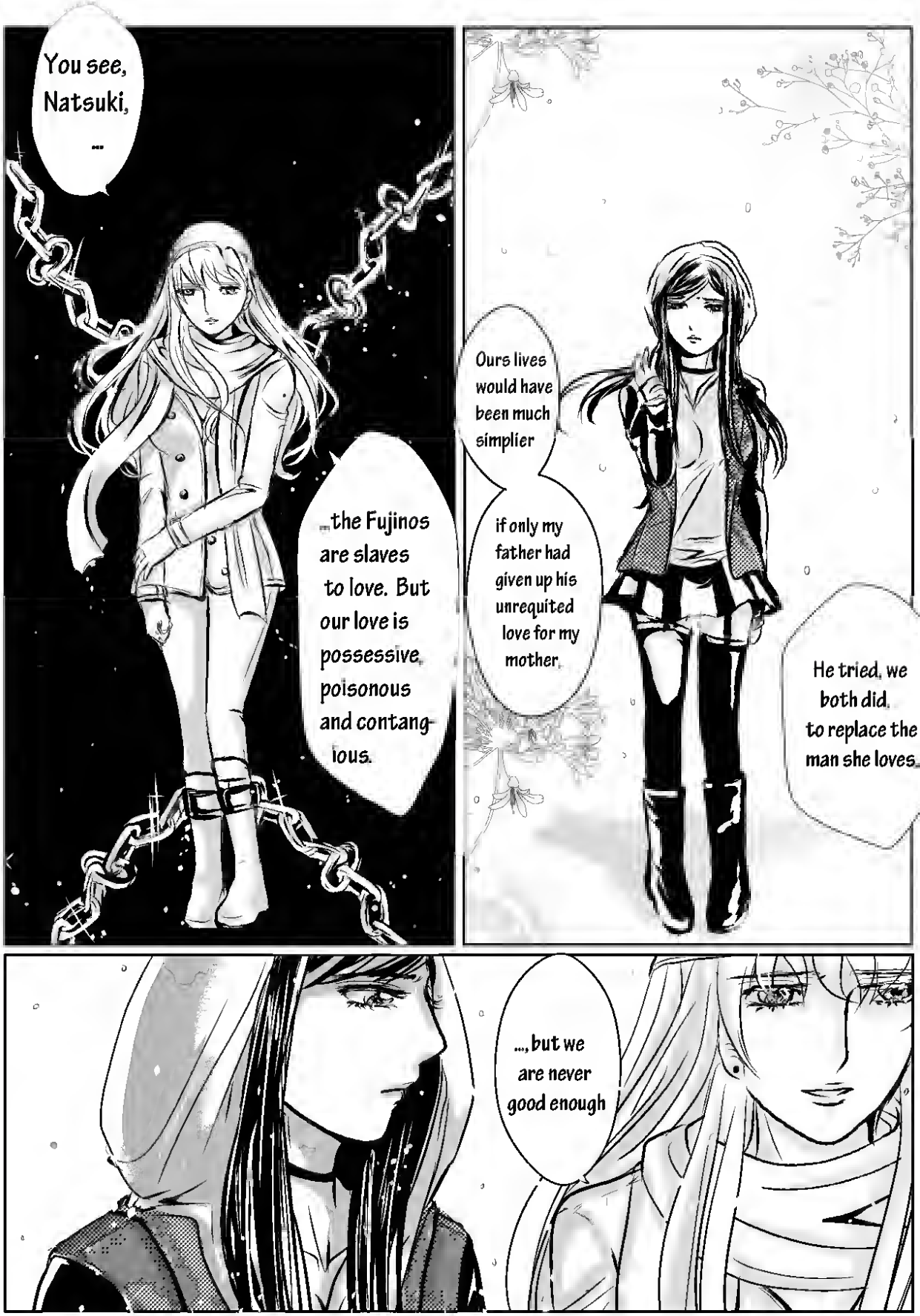

...looks like we're on our own...
Strangely, a part of me is relieved that Kiyohime didn't appear
Is it her destructive power I fear?
or is it mine?


Will I end up hurting the only person I've ever loved?
It's not like I hate them, Shizuru. But those fan girls of yours only see what they want to see.
They never care enough to figure out the real Shizuru. I don't get it, why don't you just tell them to back off?
Hey! Are you even listening?
The only one who doesn't care about who I am appeared to be
Natsuki has seen the monster in me, and yet...
And yet she still...
Then let me in,
I'm not letting you go. You're not going to fight th war alone Shizur
I'm in love with you
OYYY, SHIZURU !!!!

Natsuki?
Don't you pull this disappearing act again! Do you know how worri--
Are you still thinking about the Festival?
NATSUKI...
There's something I want to tell you ...


This place is where Kiyohime grew up...
...and it is the only place I could connect with her spirit.
Her spirit? Your CHILD?
Yes.
What astounded me the first time I came here was the architecture.
It reminded me of my house in Kyoto, a place I never want to return
Natsuki, I've never told you about my family, have I?
As rumoured, my father is a powerful businessman, ...
...and, my mother, she... well, she is a housewife,...
Never want to return?


My mother is diagnosed with clinical depression
Before marrying my father, she was a cheerful and carefree woman.
But that side of hers only exists in my imagination.
I thought she didn't love me because I wasn't good enough, so I tried to be a perfect daughter,
...only to find out that no matter what I do,
I am still a Fujino that she despises.
My father is her cage, and I am the lock,
so I accepted Fuuka Academy's Scholarship and I'd never returned to Kyoto since then.


You see, Natsuki, ...
...the Fujinos are slaves to love. But our love is possessive, poisonous and contagious.
Ours lives would have been much simplier
if only my father had given up his unrequited love for my mother.
He tried, we both did, to replace the man she loves...
..., but we are never good enough